

Application No.: 10/660,689
Amendment dated February 13, 2007
Reply to Office Action of January 5, 2006

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments, and consideration of the application, as amended.

By this Amendment, claim 12 was amended to restore the as-issued wording of claim 12 and claims 15, 37, and 38 were amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter recited to place the claims in better form for allowance. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided.

The Applicant would like to acknowledge with appreciation the assistance provided by Examiner Chester Barry in forwarding this application to allowance.

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-39 continue to be pending in this application.

2. Litigations

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.178(b) the Applicant submits that U.S. Patent 5,200,072 is not the subject of any prior or concurrent proceedings, including reexaminations and litigations.

3. Miscellaneous

The Applicant acknowledges the expiration date of the parent patent and that no reissue can issue after that date.


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4. Conclusion

The Applicant believes that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned Agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,


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